

What is claimed is:

Sub 917 1. A method for controlling at least one drive train component of a motor vehicle which has a drive apparatus as well as a clutch apparatus arranged in the drive train, an engine control device, and a clutch control device, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) controlling the position of at least one predetermined component of the drive apparatus by the engine control device;
- b) controlling the position of at least one predetermined component of the clutch apparatus by the clutch control device; and
- c) transferring predetermined signals between the engine control device and the clutch control device, which affect the control activities of at least one control device of those control devices.

2. A control device for control of at least one parameter of a motor vehicle drive train that includes a drive apparatus as well as a clutch apparatus arranged in the drive train, an engine control device, and a clutch control device, said control device comprising:

- a) an engine control device for controlling the position of at least one predetermined component of the drive apparatus;
- b) a clutch control device for controlling the position of at least one predetermined component of the clutch apparatus; and
- c) a gradient regulator for causing the engine rotational speed and a transmission

rotational speed to approach each other at an end of a start-up phase.

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